

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-10, and 14-18 and the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 3, 4, and 11-13 is respectfully acknowledged.

Claims 1, 2, 5-10, and 14-18 have been amended only to better comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112, and claims 3, 4, and 11-13 have been amended to overcome rejection under 35 USC 112. The informalities pointed out by the Examiner have all been corrected, proper antecedent basis has been provided for all claimed elements, and all claimed elements and the structural relationships therebetween have been more positively and more clearly recited. In particular, it is pointed out that claims 6, 12, 13, 15 and 17 have been amended to define the respective well known abbreviations used therein. In this connection, submitted herewith are definitions of the terms ATM and ISDN as set forth in The New EE Standard Dictionary of Electrical and Electronic Terms, 1993. Also submitted herewith are copies of pages 1441-1443 of The Electrical Engineering Handbook, Richard C. Dorf, 1993, CRC Press (See particularly page 1442 for "STM").

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added, that no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised, and that amended claims 1-18 are all in full compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 112. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claims 1-18 are now in condition for immediate allowance.

Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

THE DRAWINGS

New sheets of formal drawings which overcome all of the objections of the Official Draftsperson will be prepared and filed in due course.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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